

Arkansas

Crop Progress and Condition



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General

For the second week in a row, weather conditions were optimal for plant growth in Arkansas, and left all of the state's crops in mostly fair to good condition. On average, there were 7.0 days suitable for field work last week. High temperatures ranged from 90 to 81 degrees Fahrenheit and low temperatures ranged from 61 to 43 degrees Fahrenheit. Most of the precipitation last week fell in the west central and northwest sections of the state, with the weather station in Fayetteville reporting the highest rainfall amount at 1.41 inches. Soil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 50 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Crop

As a result of last week's favorable growing conditions, cotton, rice and soybean emergence increased by 15, 12 and 20 percentage points, respectively. Soybean plantings jumped 27 percentage points from last week. As rice plantings neared completion, rice fields were flushed, fertilized, and sprayed. Growers were irrigating and applying fertilizer and herbicides to corn fields as silking was beginning. Winter wheat harvest was behind last years pace.

Livestock

With continued pasture and range improvements, cattle conditions improved to mostly good. Producers were spraying pastures, harvesting hay, and doing brush control.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2006	5-Year Avg
Corn	Silked	2	1	0	0
Cotton	Planted	100	91	97	90
	Emerged	91	76	86	77
	Squaring	1	n/a	1	1
Rice	Planted	99	94	100	97
	Emerged	98	86	97	93
Sorghum	Planted	100	98	100	95
	Emerged	99	94	97	90
Soybeans	Planted	79	52	75	63
	Emerged	56	36	56	48
Winter Wheat	Harvested	5	1	8	2

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	1	38	48	13
Cotton	1	17	44	31	7
Rice	2	7	28	50	13
Sorghum	1	7	38	46	8
Soybeans	2	8	36	44	10
Winter Wheat	5	15	23	44	13
Hay-Alfalfa	0	1	66	32	1
Hay-Other	0	5	40	50	5
Pasture and Range	1	8	37	50	4

